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Mayflower...

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Mayflower and the Heber Valley Special Service District Board have been negotiating a contract for more than four years. They recently agreed to a final buy-in price of almost \$1.4 million over five years and to most of the major terms of the contract. However, the Board still has not agreed to some of the details and language Mayflower wants included and has scheduled meetings this month to try to finalize the contract.

Mayor Mendenhall said when he first became Mayor, three years ago, he contacted Mayflower's lawyer, Craig Smay. He said he suggested to Smay, "Why don't you wake up and, to make this thing easy for you, come and deal with us."

He said he proposed that Mayflower hook onto the Heber City line and that Heber would maintain the line. He said Smay "seemed to receive that" but that Smay then wrote some "screw letters" to him.

He quoted from a letter he wrote to Smay in November, 1985, which said, "I feel very strongly that you're alleged fears of dealing directly with Heber City are without proper foundation...Heber City is the only entity that has capacity that can be used for the benefit of another user. Therefore, you will have to deal with the City..."

"By coming to Heber and hooking onto our pipeline, it will only cost about half of the other routes that can be taken."

"Not only am I in favor of this solution to your sewage problems, so is our engineer, and there are other members of the Board that feel that same way, as well as Commissioner [Lorin] Allred of the Wasatch County Commission."

He said in the letter that the arrangement would be the same as the one between Wasatch Mountain State Park, and the Midway Sanitation District.

However, he said nothing ever came of his efforts.

He said that without Mayflower, the treatment plant would not have to be expanded at least until the year 2002. He asked who is going to pay to expand the facility if Mayflower adds 268 units to the system.

"That issue has been debated extensively during the negotiations between the District and Mayflower. Both sides have agreed that Mayflower will use up space that will eventually have to be replaced and the \$1.4 million will be invested in expanding the facility when it becomes necessary."

"I don't think we can afford to let somebody impact the capacity or the ownership we own, without compensating us. And they should compensate us for that use with sufficient funds to expand that plant when and if necessary," the Mayor continued.

Councilman Scott Wright, a member of the Board, said he thought the Mayor's position would be valid if the payment system hadn't changed a few years ago. Now, each equivalent connection pays the same toward bond retirement, whether it is in Heber or Midway, he said.

"We felt like we were paying more than we should — and we were...It wasn't fair, but it is now," he said.

He pointed out that Midway is growing at a faster rate than Heber and, therefore, with more hookups, and under the present system, Midway's contribution is growing. "In ten or twenty years [the ratio] could be just the opposite," he said.

Councilman Lincoln Rasband, the Mayor of Heber during the first years of the District, said he had felt that if Midway ever used more than its 30 percent, it would have to buy in to the additional portion, based on the original cost. However, he said somebody worked out a formula to show that wouldn't make any difference.

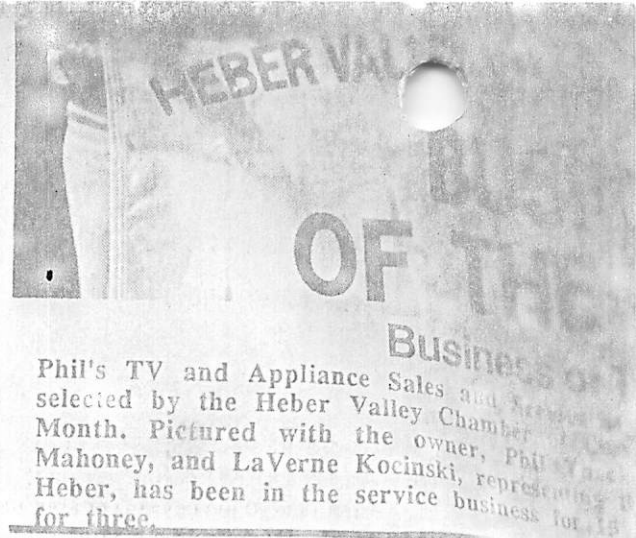
Another member of the District Board, Councilman Wayne Clegg, agreed that Midway was buying in, a connection at a time, but that he didn't think that was fair to Heber residents. "Two years down the road, they could be paying 50 percent of it. Therefore, they own 50 percent, and they've only paid it for one year, while we've paid since 1981. We should be compensated for the percentage they have used over the 30 percent."

Expanding on the advantages to Mayflower by hooking onto Heber's system, Mayor Mendenhall said, "They would not have to make another entry into that plant. All they'd have to do is put in a partial flume so they could come into our system, for metering purposes. The right-of-way problem to get to the facility would be minimal, compared to other routes they may take. I imagine they could stay on the state highway [U.S. 40] for most of the distance..."

"They're going to impact our plant...which is all right, providing they pay for it. But their approach has been to not pay anything until they're ready to use it."

Councilman Wright continued to argue that the Mayor's proposal does not apply now, emphasizing that everyone in Heber and Midway pays equally for bond retirement and sewage disposal. "The more people on the system, that just means more off our sewer bills."

Mayor Mendenhall proposed to put Mayflower's connection money into an enterprise fund, controlled by Heber City. The earnings from sewer charges, which would be 40 percent of the total, would be used to pay for the connection.



Phil's TV and Appliance Sales and Service was selected by the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce for the Month. Pictured with the owner, Phil Mahoney, and LaVerne Kocinski, representing Heber, has been in the service business for three years.

Councilman Keith Jacobson agreed with the Mayor's point but asked how the changes in percentage of ownership would be determined.

Councilman Rasband suggested that Heber influence the decisions of the Board with its four-man majority rather than directly controlling Mayflower's system. "We can give an input to our membership on that Board — let them know how we feel — and then they vote appropriately at those particular meetings."

"I wanted to provoke you with this thing. What we've decided here tonight doesn't mean a damn thing," Mayor Mendenhall said. "I think we should give our representatives on that Board some direc-

tions as to how we should start looking at our own people. Our people are a majority of that and ought to be getting some say in that."

Bob Mathis, Councilman who participated in the District and has been involved in the negotiations with Mayflower, was asked to comment on the issues raised by Mayor Mendenhall.

He said Mayflower's connection fee that is paid to the District is up to the treatment plant. All the problems have been by the District and the City has some concerns that need to be worked out with them.

Garbage Contract

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five years, so I don't know how the wheels can wear out," he said.

Mayor Mendenhall made the point that people in Heber and Midway are paying more than their fair share for garbage pickup by paying the same as residents in areas that are less accessible and with less concentrated population.

"But we're willing to live with that to make the program work," he said. "But to add another couple of hundred thousand of our people's money on top of it, so someone else can get a more favorable rate, seems a little bit unusual to me."

Regarding the lease-purchase agreement on the City's garbage trucks, which Auto-Cart was to have taken over beginning Nov. 1, Mayor Mendenhall said, "I have no indication from anybody that they're going to pay us for our equipment. The County has agreed, not the [District], to finance them for 60 months, and pay \$1,350 a month."

Councilman Lincoln Rasband pointed out that nothing in the contract indicated when the City's trucks would be paid for. But said he wondered how much could be done about it at this point, now that the contract has been signed.

He added that Jones could bankrupt himself replacing Heber's trucks at such a fast rate. "It isn't

good business to replace trucks that there's no need to replace."

Mayor Mendenhall said that at the meeting of Nov. 15... the first time we'd ever seen that. That's when I talked to him. And there has not been a meeting since the 15th of November. I know how they could be legally."

Eleanor Nelsen, City Clerk, said if the payments on the trucks aren't made, the City should take the trucks back rather than let them sit there. "I don't think we should let that man up in business referring to Jones."

She also expressed concern about the condition of the trucks. The City should repossess them if they are not maintained.

Shauna Brereton, Recorder, said that if it takes five years for Auto-Cart to get the trucks off, she wasn't sure they were five years left in the way they're being driven. Auto-Cart drivers are "rough" than the man who drives for the City.

Mayor Mendenhall said that Higgs, Public Works Director, would examine the cannisters and see if they need to be replaced to see what the condition is.